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Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time and appropriate statutory fee for one month extension are submitted herewith, extending the due date for response from January 5, 2005 to February 5, 2005 and making this response timely.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

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